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DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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LETTER ORDER PURSUANT TO RULE 16

Re: Joseph Stechler, et al. v. Sidley Austin Brown & Wood, LLP, et al.
Civil Action No. 05-3485 (HAA)

Dear Counsel:

A scheduling conference shall be conducted before the undersigned on **Monday, November 7, 2005** at **9:30 a.m.** at the U.S. Post Office and Courthouse, 1 Federal Square, Fourth Floor, Room 457, Newark, New Jersey. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 16.1 and L. Civ. R. 16.1(a).

Counsel are advised that the early disclosure requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 will be enforced. Therefore, counsel shall immediately exchange the following information without a formal discovery request:

- contested facts,
- identities of individuals likely to have knowledge of discoverable facts,
- documents and things in the possession of counsel or the party,
- identities of experts and their opinions,

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- insurance agreements in force, and
- statement of the basis for any damages claimed.

At least fourteen (14) days prior to the conference scheduled herein, counsel shall personally meet and confer pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f), and shall submit a discovery plan to the undersigned not later than 72 hours prior to the conference with the Court. The discovery plan may include a summary of the status of settlement negotiations.

The parties shall immediately serve interrogatories, limited to twenty-five (25) questions, and requests for production of documents (no limit).

At the conference with the Court, all parties who are not appearing pro se must be represented by counsel who shall have full authority to bind their client in all pretrial matters. Clients or persons with authority over the matter shall be available by telephone. See L. Civ. R. 16.1(a).

Counsel for plaintiff(s) shall notify any party who hereafter enters an appearance of the above conference and forward to that party a copy of this Order.

The parties must advise this Court immediately if this action has been settled or terminated so that the above conference may be cancelled.

Failure to comply with the terms herein may result in the imposition of sanctions.

SO ORDERED.

MARK FALK
United States Magistrate Judge

Orig: Clerk
cc: Hon. Harold A. Ackerman, U.S.D.J.
Mary Fenzel, Deputy Clerk
All Parties
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